
Title: Savages

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I think the savages
are supposed to be the
descendants of people
who reverted to a
tribal society after
the upheaval in
Illshenar's Sosaria

I must say it does
seem as if he could be
Exodus. Maybe the
Shadow Lord came to
Illshenar and helped
the FoA free him?

I've been thinking
over an alternate
theory for the
Master's identity
though. Exodus was
for all intents and
purposes, a computer,
and therefore would
have been ruled totally
by logic. This means
he would have devised
a very detailed
fallback plan in case
he lost his war with
the Illshenarians. I
think the Master
may have been this
plan. In other words,
he created a "son" for
lack of a better word,
who could continue to
fight the war in case
he was defeated.

It would appear that
Exodus knew that his
enemies were not
going to try and
outright kill him and
instead wanted to
imprison him (the
four FoA infiltrators

must have tipped him off), so naturally he would have been curious about this "prison". I think that he discovered its nature and operation, and therefore began constructing a device, which could be used to free him, were the Illshenarians successful. This "device" is the above-mentioned technological dungeon. The Master's sole purpose was to activate the machine and free his creator so that he could continue his war. What happened though, why has he not freed Exodus yet? Well, from the BNN stories, we are told that the insiders were discovered and cast out of the facet. The Illshenarians must have interrogated them about Exodus' plans, and therefore vastly accelerated their own; so that they could imprison him before his device was finished. It looks like this is what happened, and now the Master is merely following out his only instruction "Activate the device". He refers to "Collectors" and seems to hint at some large project which is in progress, so he is probably gathering the resources he needs to finish building the machine that Exodus didn't get a chance to.